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THE 134TH ANNIVERSARY.

This is the 134th anniversary of the stars and stripes; and it is one of the oldest and most beautiful national emblems on earth because nations are so revolutionary and aggressive that their emblems are not constant.

It means more for humanity than any flag that floats, because beneath its folds there is larger liberty than in any other nation; it protects more prosperous homes; represents a greater amount of wealth; and has been ably defended on land and sea. It was captured as "Old Glory" in the conflicts of the civil war, and by this title it is precious to the hearts of the old soldiers who made every star upon it shine. Some of our fellow citizens have thought it did not need the name, but they were not in the conflicts of the civil war, and they did not see the brave men who gave it their last cheer and the brave color sergeants hugged it as they fell and kissed it with quivering lips. It was out of gallant hearts this sobriquet for the flag sprang; for waving in triumph after victory nothing on this earth looked more glorious to the brave men who survived the conflicts. It never can be anything less to them.

The American flag is worthy of all the honor true American patriots have bestowed on it and thousands will, as thousands have, die to protect it.

OPPOSED TO THE MINORITY BILL.

The Hartford Courant makes out a good case against the public utilities bill passed by the senate, which it claims will be pronounced unconstitutional. The Courant says:

"The Courant takes the liberty to repeat today some of the reasons given editorially yesterday why the so-called minority bill on the utilities question would be declared unconstitutional."

"These are in effect that the strong point (the teeth, as the orators have it) of the minority bill will be found in its provision that the commission shall have power to regulate rates. It also, of course, has power to investigate rates and decide whether they are fair. Our own supreme court has said through Mr. Justice Hamersley that:

"A main purpose of the division of powers between the senate and judiciary is to prevent the same magnitude from exercising in respect to the same subjects the functions of judge and legislator. The union of functions is a menace to civil liberty and is forbidden by the constitution."

"This is as positive and direct a declaration as could be sought that a commission to pass on rates and then to make new ones would be unconstitutional."

"The advocates of the minority measure have harked heavily on Governor Baldwin's approval of their bill. It is said that his support changed enough senators to carry that body. Be that as it may, the fact should not escape attention, first, that Governor Baldwin, when a member of the supreme court, dissented from the opinion just quoted, the only member of the court to dissent, and in approving this project he is simply reasserting his own opinion which the court as a body has pronounced against. Still further, it cannot escape notice that Governor Baldwin in his inaugural message called on the general assembly to pass a constitutional amendment that would make such legislation lawful. This is equivalent to admitting it is now unlawful, which is wise after the supreme court has so declared it. But, if this legislation would be unconstitutional and consequently ineffective, what in the world is the use of passing it?"

"The Courant desires to have a law enacted that will be a real test and be practical till the end of time."

GETTING IN THE AVIATION CLASS.

It is a worthy ambition for any sizeable community to want to get into the aviation class, so Bristol, in Hartford county, is looking up as one little Connecticut industrial center that is looking to lead in this direction.

The Bristol Press says: "The Mechanics guild deserves hearty encouragement for the excellent work that it is doing. Its membership is largely made up of young men who are ambitious and desire to advance in mechanical knowledge. In addition to the various classes for instruction, the guild also affords social features that are appreciated. Money is required to carry out its plans and it is raising the funds by various entertainments. Its latest endeavor is an aviation meet to be held next Saturday on the golf club grounds. This will enable our people to see an airplane in flight; something that has heretofore been possible only in the larger cities. This is an undertaking that requires courage, for the expenses are heavy and it should receive the recognition of a large attendance. It puts Bristol in the aviation class, which is a substantial achievement."

We shall expect to see some of the eastern Connecticut cities, if not all, making endeavors in this direction during the season. It is an open question whether Norwich or New London will be the first.

Thirty-five ministers preached against the mayor of Bridgeport's endorsing Sunday games, last Sunday, and then the attendance broke all records. This is a perverse generation.

A New Jersey woman has been sent to jail for smoking a cigarette on the street, and an exchange thinks hereafter she will do her smoking at home with her feet on the library table.

An Oklahoma man of 92 who attributed his longevity to a bean diet, took unto himself a bride of twenty-four the other day. He yearned for youth, and got it.

The greatest railroad force in New England is President Mellen. The Boston Transcript says: "The Mellening of the Boston & Maine has effectively begun."

AN IMPROVEMENT IN PRICES.

Domestic prices of leading export commodities in the United States during April were considerably lower than in April of last year, while prices abroad, so far as ascertainable from the record of imports, are less than in their tendency. Of the 46 articles of exportation whose monthly prices are recorded by the bureau of statistics, department of commerce and labor, 32 show lower prices, 9 show higher prices, and 5 show no change.

Of the 38 articles enumerated in the table of monthly import prices, 17 decreased in price, 18 increased, and 3 showed no change, comparing April, 1911, prices, with those of April, 1910. The prices of articles exported from the United States are based upon their actual cost, or wholesale market price in the respective domestic ports at the time of exportation, and as the prices of articles exported are those in the country whence exported to the United States, the prices of the same in foreign ports of shipment, the above citation would seem to justify the general assertion that domestic prices are for the most part, lower than in April last year, while prices abroad are almost equally divided between increase and decrease.

The export commodities in which the prices are lower in April than in the same month last year, include, corn, wheat, flour, meats, dairy products, sugar, glucose, cottonseed oil, cake and meal, bituminous coal, copper ingots and bars, raw cotton, bleached cotton, cloths, hays, hops, soybeans, mineral oils, both crude and illuminating, paraffine, starch, and various manufactures of iron and steel. Higher prices, on the other hand, were reported on anthracite coal, unbleached cotton cloths, canned salmon, rosin, spirits, kerosene, flaxseed, leather, tobacco and plug tobacco. Dyed, colored and printed cotton cloths, canned beef and flaxseed oil-cake are unchanged in price when compared with April of last year.

OUR INCREASING TRADE.

Trade of the United States with its non-contiguous territories in the fiscal year which ends with the current month will exceed 200 million dollars, against less than 100 million in 1904. During the ten months ending with April, for which details have been received by the bureau of statistics, department of commerce and labor, the trade in question has proceeded at the rate of 202 million dollars per annum, compared with 181 million in 1904, 118 million in 1905, and 96 million in 1906. In this trade merchandise received in the United States slightly exceeds in value that sent to the territories in question, though shipments from the United States show the larger and more rapid growth. In 1903, the earliest year for which complete records are available, the shipments from the United States to Alaska, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines, aggregated 36 million dollars. In 1910, 83 million; and in 1911 seem likely to be 96 million—a gain of 60 million dollars, or nearly 170 per cent. Inward shipments from the territories were 59 million dollars in 1903, 108 million in 1910, and at the rate of 107 million in the ten months of 1911, a gain of 48 million dollars or 80 per cent. over 1903.

The largest gain in outward trade with the non-contiguous territories was in shipments to Porto Rico, those in 1911 during the ten months for which figures are at hand having been at the rate of 35 million dollars per annum, against 27 million in 1910, 12 million in 1903, and 7 million in 1901, the year following its organization as a customs district of the United States. To Hawaii the shipments during 1911 to date have been at the rate of 22 million dollars per annum, against 20-1-2 million last year, 11 million in 1903, and 8-3-4 million in 1900.

To Alaska, the domestic shipments during the fiscal year 1911 have been at the rate of 29 million dollars per annum, compared with 18-2-3 million last year and 9-1-2 million in 1903, the year in which the official record began. To the Philippines islands the year's shipments of domestic merchandise will aggregate about 19 million dollars, against 16-3-4 million last year, 4 million in 1903 and 1-2-2 million in 1900.

Hawaii ranks first among the non-contiguous territories in the value of shipments to the United States, though this year's figures are considerably below those for 1910. During 1911 the shipments have thus far been at the rate of 40 million dollars per annum, against 46 million last year.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Happy thought for today: The man who does not flatter himself is not easy to flatter.

When it comes to the fashionable cobweb skirt, it must go the peek-a-boo waist several feet.

About the only time that a lazy man cannot control his temper is when some one offers him a job.

It is noted that the athlete even will let the lawn grass grow high and then hire a small boy to cut it for a nickel.

Since Dr. Cook came back, Castro has decided to let the world know that he thinks it safe for him to try Venezuela again.

When a millionaire is afflicted with a common ail, some curious person rises to inquire if he could not afford to have the gout.

If the sentimentalists did not exclaim: "Hail, June!" there is no doubt it would hail just the same. It has cultivated the habit.

A Boston schoolmaster is of the opinion that "flirting is a rest for a tired mind." It may be weariness to the other fellow.

The perspiring citizen never talks about his favorite soft drink; but if you watch him you will see that he gets it just the same.

A Chicago professor has the courage to declare that marriages are not divine. The divorce courts appear to take the same view of it.

There is only one recorded instance where a woman thought that her rent was reduced because there was no news in the neighborhood.

The suffragettes have raised a \$100,000 campaign fund which indicates that the "anties" have got something to go up against beside hot air.

Boston had a baseball game last Saturday with 27,000 paid admissions. This is evidence of a deep interest in the game among New Englanders.

THE BULLETIN'S STORY

SUMMER TRIP

"What's the idea?" asked Archie, as he came into the room after dinner, one warm evening and found the table covered with railroad folders and booklets, over which his roommate was industriously pouring.

"Oh, just trying to decide where to go this summer," explained Teddy.

"This weather makes a fellow realize that vacation time is coming."

"Yes, I thought it would rather stir the gypsy spirit in you," Archie said.

"I'm surprised you've been able to hold yourself down to business as long as you have done this year. With the crowds starting over for the coronation, and all that must have been quite a strain on you."

"What are you talking about?" demanded Teddy. "I had no idea of going to the coronation."

"No?" Archie queried in a tone of surprise. "Since you've quit taking me into your confidence I never know what to expect of you. Well, Atlantic City isn't a bad place to go for a few weeks—a young fellow traveling alone like you could get very decent accommodations there for \$10 a day unless things have gone up a lot since I was there last. Of course, it can be done cheaper, but I don't suppose you do any wasting it."

"Don't waste your breath talking to me about the seashore," interposed Teddy. "I'm then last summer—let's see, over those little booklets trying to strike something within my range. I get across the lake somewhere I'll be lucky."

"That's a good idea," his roommate observed, sinking into the big chair and loading up and what you got the day you left. Where was it you found racing going on, Teddy—Frisco or Los Angeles or El Paso—somewhere that we have been together here I have been watching and waiting for some such move on your part, but until now, I admit it has been a long time. Every time you have declared your rash purpose to buy a new suit of clothes, for instance, I have said to myself: 'Now, the boy is going to

be sensible this time—he's going to get a neat, inexpensive suit at one of the big clothing places—something within his means.' But, if you remember, every time you've walked in here with a new suit on, turned around on your heels and said: 'How much do you think that old Snippen stuck me for this suit?'"

"If you enjoy hearing yourself unloading your remarks, 'It's about as much credit as I ever get, whether I'm striving to steer you away from some pitfall or give you a little praise for your improvement.' But it never deters me, Teddy, from doing what I conceive to be my duty by you. So again I say that I am pleased to note your turning over a new leaf by a decision to go for your vacation to some place within range of your income. A couple of years ago I couldn't have hoped for anything as promising as that. I believe you went on a fishing trip up in Minnesota with three intimate friends and lost all your money in a poker game the third day you were in the woods and well, me for money to get home on."

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THE FLAG'S 134th BIRTHDAY

The Red, White and Blue

Here is red, for the love that's enshrined
In the depth of each patriot breast;
For the glory so firmly entwined,
In this emblem of all that is best.
In the struggle for freedom and right,
In the fight 'gainst oppression and wrong;
'Tis the sign of a great nation's might,
Ever fair, ever just, ever strong.

Here is white, for the purity shown
In our actions at home and abroad,
Where the world knows we were serving alone
Our conscience, our duty, our God;
May it ever be spotless and clear,
And ne'er know the guilt of a stain,
No substance or shadow of fear
Could e'er be made holy again.

Here is the blue, for the truth of our cause,
For fidelity, wisdom and power
In upholding the strength of our laws
'Gainst the clamor of anarchy's hour;
May our constancy, faith never cease;
May we show that our motto is just;
That we are ready for war or for peace,
And at all times in God is our trust.

Here are stars for the heroes who died,
That their well beloved country might live;
Here are stripes to be swiftly applied
To the nation presuming to give
Any cause for offense to the bird
Whose wing shields the poor and oppressed;
And whose wild note of warning is heard
When danger approaches his nest.

Then hail to the flag that we love:
Fling it loose to the heaven sent breeze;
May the blessings of God from above,
Be with it o'er land and o'er seas,
May its length or its breadth ne'er grow less
While it waves o'er the brave and the true,
And may God in His goodness still bless
Old Glory—the Red, White and Blue.

—BY WILLIAM PIERCE

CAPITOL CHATTER

Little Sidelights on Legislators and Legislation

An act appropriating \$17,000 for the state dairy and food commissioner for the two years ending September 30, 1913, passed the house Tuesday and will be taken up in the senate today. Appropriation bills this session usually start something of a talk-fest.

Representative Candee of Eastern turned loose a scathing outburst of oratory Tuesday morning when the committee on education, through the chairman, Mr. Ensign of Simsbury, asked the house to pass a bill that would make Charles D. Hine, secretary of the state board of education, a member of the school board of the town of Weston.

Congratulations are due the gentlemen of the house for the generous amount of work that they turned out at Tuesday's session, when they passed nearly as many bills as they have in all the legislative days of the past two weeks. This will give the senate some business and if the good work can be kept up, the session will probably be the most eventful of the year. Every other pending legislative matter is overshadowed for the moment. The bubbling and universal interest about the capitol as to the outcome was given added zest Tuesday morning when Judge Banks, republican leader of the house, held in a substitute bill, the passage of which he will no doubt strongly urge in reference to the judiciary committee (of which he is a member), which was rejected by the senate or the minority report that has come to the house with the seal of approval of the upper body of the general assembly upon it. Mr. Banks' bill is a single commission bill and somewhat more far reaching in its regulation of public service corporations and then again it may not be. It appears that this is a comparative new position, but it is a regulation, unreasonable regulation, no regulation. Which will it be?

"What will the house do?" "Search me," say the members themselves. If they don't know yet, who else can be expected to? The one best bet is that those who sit in the house Tuesday day at the grammar school. She is to teach in the Weehawken Heights, N. J., grammar school. The resignation took effect at the close of the school year.

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Philippine Business Affairs.

The party of Chicago and Omaha business men who visited Manila the early part of the week sailed again on the Mongolia on Thursday.

A \$150,000 tourist hotel is to be built at Baguio by the Manila Railroad company on completion of the new mountain line. Some fine new residences will also be erected there.

Prof. C. V. Pierce, government forest expert who has been investigating forest conditions in the islands, states that the mountain pastures of the Philippines afford a splendid opportunity for stock raising.

The ice plant at Manila shows a net profit for the fiscal year 1911; the plant sold 38,424,397 pounds of ice, which is 2,000,000 pounds more than for the previous year, 1906.

A report recently prepared indicates that the recent army tests of orange-red underwear for soldiers in the Philippines do not show this class of garment superior as a protection against tropical heat and sunshine to the style previously used.

Charles F. Preusser, president and general manager of the Heacock company, has left Manila for the United States on a business trip for the firm. While there he will give personal attention to the purchase of the new \$12,500 silver service for the Manila hotel.

On account of the recent anti-nipa roofing ordinance of the Manila municipal board, the city engineer has been busy testing out roofings to take the place of the nipa. A roofing made from asphalt, barium and gravel, manufactured by an Illinois company, seems to be the best substitute yet tested.

Work on remodeling the Hotel Francis at Manila has commenced, an open-air cafe in the inner court, an entire new front on the building, and a third story containing a banquet hall to seat 700 persons being among the improvements planned. The managers have also applied to the Philippine commission for a seven-acre site to build a 200-room hotel at Baguio, with European capital.

That the Philippine planters are awaking to the opportunities in copra is

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Known, and of wasper 1,100.

William Loeb, Jr., trouble of the port of New York, is said to be the co-between of Taft and Roosevelt.—Birmingham Age Herald.

It Taxes the People.

They are to increase the tax on circus in the District of Columbia, but the old two-ring circus in the capital is exempt.—Grand Rapids Press.

About 4,500 species of wild bees are known, and of wasper 1,100.

Anty Drudge Talks to a Woman

Who Hasn't Tried the New Way of Washing.

Anty Drudge—"You poor unfortunate victim of the old-time washday habit! Why won't you wash in the Fels-Naptha way, and strike off the chains that bind you to the steaming washboiler and the all-day hard rub-rub on the washboard?"

If you really believed what we say about Fels-Naptha you would use it, wouldn't you?

But you think that it's too easy—impossible.

Many men are wealthy to-day because the majority thought the same thing about the telephone.

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